



## Interoffice Memo Office of Design Policy & Support

**DATE:** 3/5/2021

**FILE:** P.I.# 0015540  
Crisp County / GDOT District 4 - Tifton  
SR7/US41 @ Cedar Creek 1.5 mi S of Cordele - Bridge Replacement

**FROM:** *Dane Peters*  
for R. Christopher Rudd, PE, State Design Policy Engineer

**TO:** SEE DISTRIBUTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVED LOCATION & DESIGN REPORT**


Attached is the approved Location and Design Report with Notice of Location & Design Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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**FILE:** P.I. 0015540, Crisp County  
SR 7/US 41 @ Cedar Creek 1.5 miles south of Cordele

**DATE:** December 21, 2020   
for

**FROM:** Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

**TO:** Office of Design Policy and Support via [ConceptReports@dot.ga.gov](mailto:ConceptReports@dot.ga.gov)

**SUBJECT:** Submittal – Location and Design (L&D) Report

The Office of Program Delivery hereby submits the attached Location and Design (L&D) Report for your review and approval.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Amit Poshia at (620) 719-0295.

KWN:CLB:SHP:DDC:AHP

Attachments: Preconstruction Status Report, Completed Location & Design approval request

cc: ProjectWise File



## Location and Design Report

**DATE:** 12/21/2020

**FILE:** P.I.# 0015540  
Crisp County / GDOT District 4 - Tifton  
SR 7/ US 41 @ CEDAR CREEK 1.5 MI S OF CORDELE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Nesbitt", is written over the "FILE:" line.

**FROM:** *for* Kimberly Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator  
Office of Program Delivery

**TO:** Christopher Rudd, PE, State Design Policy Engineer/  
Attn: Dave Peters, PE, State Conceptual Design Group Manager

**SUBJECT:** Request for Location and Design Approval

### Description and Project Proposal:

The proposed project, GDOT P.I. 0015540, located 1.5 miles south of Cordele, GA, would replace the existing bridge at State Route (SR) 7 / US Highway (US) 41 over Cedar Creek. The proposed bridge would be constructed East and just parallel to the existing bridge on SR 7 / US 41. The bridge is expected to be slightly raised. The proposed bridge consists of two 12-foot lanes (one lane in each direction) with an 8-foot paved shoulder on each side. The proposed roadway would have a similar typical section, consisting of two 12-foot lanes (one in each direction) with a 10-foot rural shoulder, 4-foot paved and 6-foot unpaved. The project begins approximately 875-ft west of the existing bridge and ends approximately 1050-ft north of the existing bridge. The length of the project is approximately 0.38 miles and is all within Crisp County.

**Concept Approval Date:** October 15, 2019

**Concept Update:** None

**Environmental Document Type:** NEPA - PCE

**Approval Date:** March 4, 2021

**Public Involvement:** Detour coordination took place with local Government, Board of Education, Crisp County Fire Rescue and County EMA Director requesting input on the potential impact of the proposed project and offsite detour. All of the aforementioned local government agencies responded with moderate to major concerns.

**Consistency with Approved Planning:** The design description as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with the approved Concept Report.

**Recommendations:** Recommend that the location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

**Concur:**



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GDOT Director of Engineering

**03-02-2021**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Approve:**

For

\_\_\_\_\_  
GDOT Chief Engineer

**3/5/2021**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DATE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL:**

**March 5, 2021**

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*(To be entered by State Conceptual Design  
Group Manager)*

Attachments:

- Location Map
- Detour Impact Responses
- Notice of Location and Design Approval



### PROJECT LOCATION MAP

SR 7/ US 41 @ Cedar Creek 1.5 MI S of Cordele  
Crisp County  
PI 0015540

Bridge Serial No. 081-0001-0. Crisp County

Georgia Department of Transportation  
 Bridge Replacement Project  
 Detour Impact Form

Using the attached project map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions-use "N/A" or "Non-known" if no relevant information to question is available. If you need additional information or mapping for this project, please contact us.

1. Please quantify the number of impacts anticipated by an off-site detour.

Daily Number of Vehicles

Daily Number of Trucks

Number of Residences

Number of Businesses

Detour Length

Ga. D. O. T.  
 for S. R. 7/U.S. 41

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year?

☐ No Concerns

☐ Moderate Concerns

☒ Major Concerns

3. If concerns were identified, please specify what they are below, be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.)

**S. R. 7/U.S. 41 at Cedar Creek Bridge (081-0001-0) is located +/- 100 yards from the entrance to Crisp County Public Works and Crisp County Fire/Rescue Station #1. The Crisp County Landfill is located on U. S. 41, so most of the heavy truck traffic from Cordele to Landfill must cross this bridge. Also the truck traffic from GA. 300/41 to the City of Cordele uses this route. This bridge is located on a major school route as well.**

**Any detour from this location would be along county roads and thru residential areas and/or school zones that are not designed for this kind of traffic.**

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

**Crisp County is a rural/farming community that uses this route especially during harvest times from Spring to Fall.**

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them.

**Carl Gamble-Crisp County Director of Public Works**

**125 Eddie Road**

**Cordele, Ga. 31015**

**[229-276-2650/ccpw@crispcounty.com](mailto:229-276-2650/ccpw@crispcounty.com)**

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

**I have been working with local Government for over 42 years and watched agriculture equipment get larger and larger. With that being said, traffic at present time must stop to allow the equipment to cross the bridge and with the intersections and in a curve this is not safe.**

**I suggest that the present bridge be used for the detour and relocate a new structure to the East of existing bridge and realign roadway. At this same time the intersection to Joe Wright Drive, formally known as S. R. 7 W(truck route), could be improved to allow a safer turning radius from the North.**

**Yes, the road names shown on the attached map are correct and are the names commonly referred to by locals.**

Form Completed by (Name): Carl Gamble

(Title): Crisp County Director of Public Works

(Date): 14, June 2017

Bridge Serial No. 081-0001-0, Crisp County

**Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
School Impact Form**

Using the attached project map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use “N/A” or “Non-known” if no relevant information to question is available. If you need additional information or mapping for this project, please contact us.

1. How many School Buses crossings over this bridge are there per day?

Number of Buses 15 Number of Trips 30

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year?

☐ No Concerns

☐ Moderate Concerns

☒ Major Concerns

3. If concerns were identified, please specify what they are below, be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.)

ReRouting of Routes and the Timing of Routes

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

NO

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them?

NO

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

NO

Form Completed by (Name): Rebecca McFarland

(Title): Transp. Dir.

Date: 10/17/17

# CRISP COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

112 Eddie Rd. Cordele, Ga. 31015-5350  
229-276-2660 Fax 229-276-2667  
Assistant Chief Russell Ayotte

To whom it may concern,

In reference to: Early Coordination Request for Pl#(s): 0015540, Crisp County, SR 41 at Cedar Creek

Project area resources or considerations to be considered include:

- Moderate to day-to-day traffic along proposed roadway due to being the main route of travel for citizens residing in the western portion of Cordele and the southern portion of Crisp County.
- Elevated traffic levels from the months of August through May, from 7am to 8am and from 2pm to 4pm, for the purpose of school commute traffic.
- Elevated traffic levels from mid-June through the first week of July for the transport of watermelons, and other crops, to the Farmers Market.
- Joe Wright Dr. (located approximately 190 feet north of Cedar Creek/US Hwy 41) is a major route of travel for motorists, farmers, and public safety personnel attempting to bypass the city of Cordele when traveling north and south.
- An 8" water main runs parallel to US Hwy 41 and runs along the right of way, west of the roadway.
- A Natural Gas line crosses underneath US Hwy 41 approximately 280 feet south of Cedar Creek, to supply The Scruggs Company asphalt plant located at 2281 US Hwy 41 S., Cordele Ga. 31015.

Sincerely,

Russell Ayotte  
Assistant Chief, Crisp County Fire Rescue



- NameTammera Sears
  - Date10/18/2017
  - TitleDeputy EMA Director
  - CountyCrisp
  - PI or Structure Number (from letter)081-0001-0-US41/SR7 over Cedar Creek
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Q1

Please rate the impact to Emergency Response services if the bridge were closed for up to a year.

- High Impact

Q2

If there are concerns please specify. Be as specific as possible. (examples: condition of detour routes, located in a high call volume area, closure could affect response to schools, weight restrictions, expected new development in the area, coordination with partner agency required to facilitate service)

high volume call area

Q3

Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

Respondent skipped this question

Q4

Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, contact information, and reason we should contact them?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

Are there any additional comments you have for this project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

yes

# **NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL**

## **P. I. 0015540**

### **CRISP COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The date of location and design approval is: March 5, 2021

The proposed bridge replacement project is located in Crisp County along State Route (SR) 7/ US Highway (US) 41 over Cedar Creek which is approximately 1.5 miles south of Cordele and lies in the 10th Land District.

The proposed bridge would be constructed East and parallel to the existing bridge on SR 7 with a project length of approximately 0.38 miles. The proposed bridge consists of two 12-foot lanes (one lane in each direction) with an 8-foot paved shoulder on each side. The proposed roadway would have a similar typical section, consisting of two 12-foot lanes (one in each direction) with a 10-foot rural shoulder, 4-foot paved and 6-foot unpaved.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

Derrick Wilkerson, Area Engineer  
District 4, Area 5  
dwilkerson@dot.ga.gov  
2060 Newton Road  
Albany, GA 31701  
(229) 430-4198

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator  
Office of Program Delivery  
Attn: Amit Poshia  
APoshia@dot.ga.gov  
600 West Peachtree St NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
620-719-0295

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.